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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

The Examiner's additional remarks have been received and carefully considered.

Claims 90-93 inclusive have been canceled without prejudice, and claim 94 has been amended to appear in independent form.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's comment that claims 30-89 and 95-99 are allowed, and that claim 94 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 94 has been rewritten in independent form, and is now believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Since claims 35-64 were previously canceled, Applicants assume that the allowable claims are 30-34, 65-89, 95-99 and 94. If the Examiner is now allowing previously canceled claims 35-64, the same will be reinstated, and a telephone call to Applicants' attorney would be appreciated.

The Examiner rejected claims 90-93 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Jones Patent 3,513,606. While Applicants believe that the Examiner's rejection of the noted claims is not well taken for those reasons already of record, the rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice, such that the application can be passed to issuance without further delay. Applicants reserve the right to pursue additional patent protection on the subject invention in a continuing application.


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Since all pending claims have been deemed allowable by the Examiner, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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